

Amendments to the Abstract:

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A weed ~~pulling~~hoe ~~puller~~ for gathering weeds at the interstices between the weed foliage above the ground and the weed root below the ground includes a ~~hoe~~ handle for being held by a standing ~~hoe~~ operator at one end and supporting a ~~hoe~~ body at the bottom distal end. The ~~hoe~~ body defines two blunted prongs on either side of a central axis on the ~~hoe~~ body extending away from the attachment to ~~hoe~~ the handle through the ~~hoe~~ body. The two prongs ~~defined there between~~ define therebetween a V-shaped gathering gap with blunted opposed V-shaped edges on either side of the axis. There is a second ~~hoe~~ body portion including portions of the two prongs, the first portion being divided from the second portion along a bending axis normal to the central axis of the ~~hoe~~ body. The second ~~hoe~~ body portion includes portions of the two prongs bent upwardly and away towards the ~~hoe~~ handle at an obtuse angle along the bending axis to form a weed pulling cradle area in the ~~hoe~~ body. When a weed is gathered between the V-shaped gathering gap between the weed foliage and the weed root, the weed is pulled at the weed root immediately underlying the weed foliage between the first ~~hoe~~ body portion and the second ~~hoe~~ body portion to center in the weed pulling cradle area when the handle is withdrawn from the ground ~~to and~~ towards the standing ~~hoe~~ operator. Weed removal with the attached root and undisturbed seeds can result.